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WAS FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

Everybody Thought the "Texan" Would Flunk, But He Proved Himself a Hero.

"You would hardly believe it," said Col. James Thornton, of Manassas, to a Washington Star reporter, "that five miles from that town on the top of Bull Run mountain, there exist people who have never visited the town in which I live. The residents of Bull Run mountain are a separate and distinct type by reason of their long residence in that vicinity from the people who dwell on the plains below, and they originally belonged to a separate tribe or race. The isolation that existed many years before the war, and which has continued since its conclusion, has grown a distinct type, and this social and physical condition of things is duplicated in all of the mountainous districts of Virginia. These people, although isolated, are a religious, and God-fearing people, and while they have not always had the advantages of common schools, and some of them at times given to drinking too much liquor, they make fairly good citizens, and settle their lands among themselves without giving the county authorities very much trouble. One peculiarity about them is that they are fond of strangers, and do not take to them as readily as do the people of the plains.



GRASPING THE PRIZE IN DEATH

"A short distance west of Bull Run is a tract of land inhabited by a people quite as peculiar. They are known as 'Texans,' and the district in which they reside is known as 'Free State.' Why these people are called 'Texans' and why the section of country they inhabit is called 'Free State,' I do not know. The 'Texans' are largely men who have come from Texas, and are given in marriage, but they are a very rare thing that they engage in matrimony with any persons outside of their own boundaries. One would not look for horses in this class of people, but I recall that at the battle of Malvern Hill a 'Texan' in my company was stricken down and mortally wounded by a shell. The battery to which I belonged had been very roughly handled by federal artillery, and we were soon without horses and very much depleted in the matter of men to man the guns. The poor fellow was lying on his back gasping for breath, while the blood was pouring in torrents from his side, and as the captain of the company passed along the line he said, 'captain, I am sorry that I cannot be of any use to you to-day, but perhaps I can hold a horse,' and it was quite necessary that the able man should be detailed elsewhere to drive him the reins of two artillery horses to hold, and then went about his business.

"When the battle ended the captain of the company returned to the wounded 'Texan' and found him cold in death, but his hands were still grasping the reins of the horses, and I have often said that it was the duty of our company to erect a monument to the memory of this faithful man, and I am going to start a subscription for that purpose just as soon as my business will permit."

The Ordinance of Secession. A special to the New York Times from Belvidere, N. J., gives an account of the discovery by Mrs. John Robinson, of that place of what she supposes to be the original ordinance of secession of South Carolina. Mrs. Robinson is laboring under the same misapprehension that many others have labored under before. She does not possess the original ordinance of secession. That sacred document is carefully preserved in the office of the secretary of state at Columbia, though considerably discolored through an attempt of an unknown scribe to reproduce the fast fading signatures a few years ago. What Mrs. Robinson possesses is a well-drawn facsimile lithographed at the time of the passage of the ordinance and if she will carefully examine the calls by which she identifies each great state she will see the lithographer's imposture thereon. Each member of the convention received one of these lithographed copies, and at least a dozen of them may be found in Charleston to-day. — Charles News and Courier.

HOW A DESERTER ESCAPED.

Saved by an Appeal to President Lincoln, Forwarded by Gen. McCook's Wife.

"At Stone river," said Capt. Rothacker to the artist who painted the Chicago Inter Ocean "Cobblestone Crayons," "a young fellow about 18 years of age, and strong in neither mind nor body, deserted from the Fifty-second Ohio. It was his first fight and he could not stand the pressure. The men of the company believed that the boy was not responsible, and they gave the matter little attention, but in due time he was arrested, tried before court martial, found guilty of desertion, and was sentenced to be shot. As usual in such cases a detail from the deserter's own regiment was ordered to carry out the sentence.

"This was in the spring of 1863. The order was delivered at brigade headquarters on the evening before the day fixed for the execution. Col. Dan McCook, of the Fifty-second, was then in command of the brigade. He couldn't sleep, and at breakfast the next morning his wife asked him what the trouble was. He replied that one of the Fifty-second regiment was to be shot by men of the Fifty-second, and he declared that he would rather lead the regiment in the hardest battle of the war than order it to take part in such an execution. He felt the disgrace himself and he knew that every man in the regiment would be humiliated. Mrs. McCook asked questions until she was in possession of all the facts bearing on the case of the young deserter. "After telling his story the colonel went to brigade headquarters to issue his order to Col. C. W. Clancy, commanding the Fifty-second Ohio, to have the guard detailed, one man from each company. While the colonel was doing this his wife took an ambulance, drove down into Nashville, went to the telegraph office, and insisted that she be put into immediate communication with President Lincoln. As soon as communication was opened with the white house she stated the facts and pleaded for the life of the boy. In about two hours she returned with a full reprieve and I never saw on Col. Dan McCook's face a happier look than it wore as he dashed past the camp on his way to Gen. Mitchell's headquarters. The order of execution was recalled, and the men of the Fifty-second did not shoot a deserter from the Fifty-second. The story illustrates at once the sensitiveness of Col. Dan McCook and his pride in his regiment.

"The same spirit," said the colonel, "was exhibited in the very last act of Col. Dan McCook's life. In the assault on Kennesaw mountain June 27, 1864, Col. Dan McCook and his brigade and Col. Harrier and his brigade were selected as the column of direction. In McCook's brigade were the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois in the front line, with the Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth Illinois, the Fifty-second Ohio, and the Twenty-second Indiana, following in the order named. Just before the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois reached the rebel works the color bearer was killed. Col. Dan McCook, leading his brigade, caught up the colors, and waving the flag went forward at the apex of the thin assaulting line.

"With the flag in his left hand he climbed up on the rebel breastworks on his hands and knees, and when he got to the top stood erect waving the colors with his left hand and with his right hand striking down the bayonets of the men inside of the works who were pressing close about him. At the same time,



COLONEL WAVED THE FLAG.

one of the Illinois boys had hold of the colonel's coat-tails, trying to pull him down on our side of the works. The colonel was using vigorous language to the man who was holding him back, and turning partially around called out to his own men: 'Bring up the colors of the Fifty-second.' In doing this he lost his guard, was mortally wounded and fell back among his own men. Col. Harmon, of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois succeeded to the command of the brigade, but was instantly killed. The brigade then fell back 75 feet and intrenched, and held the line until the rebels retreated from their position.

"Col. McCook died two weeks later. A curious fact is that after the war Mrs. McCook married Gen. Frank Cheatam, who was in command of the rebel forces which we assaulted on that day. The Eighty-sixth Illinois recently purchased the ground upon which McCook's brigade charged that day and have organized the Kennesaw Battle Field Memorial association for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the men who fell in the assault."

Support.

Her Father—You expect me to support

Julia indefinitely?

Her Husband—Well, I hope you may

stand from under very gradually, sir—

Puck.

The Best Material.

Clergyman—I shall denounce this

play, sir. It is shockingly immoral!

Manager—All right. Just send around

a copy of the sermon for our advance

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DRAWING ON HIS BANK.

asked the cashier to wait for a moment until he secured the money. The cashier expected to see him fish out a check-book and then go chasing for some one to identify him, as he was a stranger to the people in the sales office.

But, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, this man carried his bank right with him, and, after asking the cashier to excuse him for a moment, walked over to a chair and sat down, then calmly rolled up his trousers leg to the knee and, much to the wonderment of the onlookers, extracted a large roll of bills from a hidden cavity in the artificial walking instrument, and after screwing on the leg again, walked up and paid the \$370 as though getting the money out of his wooden leg was an everyday occurrence.

Sugar Causes Many Ailments. People who are excessively fond of sugar and confectionery are called "saccharomaniacs." Prof. Ooston, a British chemist, declares that kidney and liver complaints are caused by too much indulgence in sugar.

How the Sparrow Multiplies. The sparrows in this country endeavor to avert race suicide. Here they hatch six times a year; in England rarely more than three.

Miss Bargain Counter. Ted—She cuts rather an odd figure. Ned—No wonder! Her gown cost nine dollars ninety-eight, her hat two dollars forty-nine, and her shoes one dollar seventy-four.—Judge.

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